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Intelligence from Mysore

Commencing 27th April 1795 to
1st to Augt 1797.

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State Department

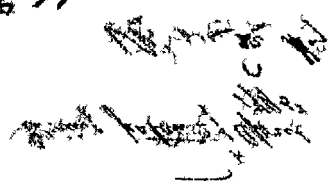
Report of Journals and Ranjeet Harcarra
to leave Seringapatam on the 27th of April 1795

That about the 21st of April, Dyghas
arrived at Seringapatam from the Chief of the Army
congratulating Tippo on their having completely
overthrown the Mahrattas. The particulars
of the despatch was not publickly known, but it
was rumoured that the Mahratta army had been
entirely dispersed and the Subah himself made
Prisoner. On the 23d and 24th of April
a Body of regular Horse, which had been stationed
within a few Miles of Seringapatam, and on the
South side of the Cauvery, changed ground and
took up a position upon the Bank and continued
to do so until [illegible]. About the same time
a Body of [illegible] Marattas [illegible]

up at Baltimore for being private agents from the Directors to be executed"

William McCleod

Salem
4th day 1795



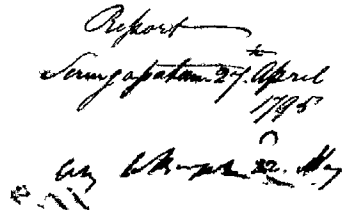
[illegible] encampment at the Carrigat Pagoda moved a Hun-
dred yards [illegible] both branches of the Cauverie and took up
its ground at the Chindgal Ford. It was [illegible]
that Tippo, notwithstanding his enmity towards
Hyder Ally was very much chagrined at the news of
this misfortune.

The party of regular Infantry which has
[illegible] quarter Masters of Harrock has returned to
Seringapatam but a small body of Horse still
remain in that quarter at Gurrah.

Several thousand Persians are employed
fortifying Seringapatam particularly the
Fort.

There is no appearance of Tippo having an
to take the field. - Upon hearing the Lieu-
tenant he ordered ten prisoners [illegible]

[illegible] the power to prevent the exports of
[illegible] Dispatch who returned from Senegapatam.—
Although it does not seem that Tippoo is making any
preparation to take the field, the communication between
the Southern Districts and his country is not so open for
[illegible] as it has been— General Macarando
whom Hyder dispatched through [illegible] the
the beginning of March, has been obliged to return, on account
of this not being provided with official Passports—
But this restriction imputed to an order which he has
issued directing the Commildars of Districts near the
bounds not to allow any of the Inhabitants of his
country to migrate— For last year a Considerable number
of



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of farmers removing from the South side of the Causeway
to the Jamaica District during the [illegible] of Spirit and
May, the cause for occupying and relinquishing lands —

I have the honor to be, My Lord,
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's very obedient
faithful Servant

Secret Department

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My Lord

I have the honor to forward the accompanying report of a man who left the Coimbatore country on the 29th of last month, and has visited the chief posts and villages in that quarter. I have no reason to doubt the general tenor being true.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's very obed
and faithful Hble

William Mac

Chennapatam
4 1795

From Capt Murdock
27th April 1795

With Enclosure -

Wm Wragge

Report of cobbos stationed, a native of Karoor, who was sent to the Coimbatore Country for intelligence and returned on the 21st instant

There are not any troops stationed in the Coimbatore country, except one Company at Pollachy + — about 150 Horse and 200 Infantry which are stationed at Palatchy + —

In the different Forts such as Carroor Verroad, Sathamangalum &c there are a few Peons, from 20 to 100 in each, which may be considered more as Revenue Guards than as Garrisons — There being not one Fort of Tippoo's below the Ghauts that could venture to shut its gates against one Battalion, Carroor perhaps excepted —

And

Dare

+ About 10 Miles from Ammallee in a Northern direction, and 20 Miles South East from Coimbatore —

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Capt Macleod
May the 3d
1795

From Captain Alex. Macleod
Dated &c. May 1795

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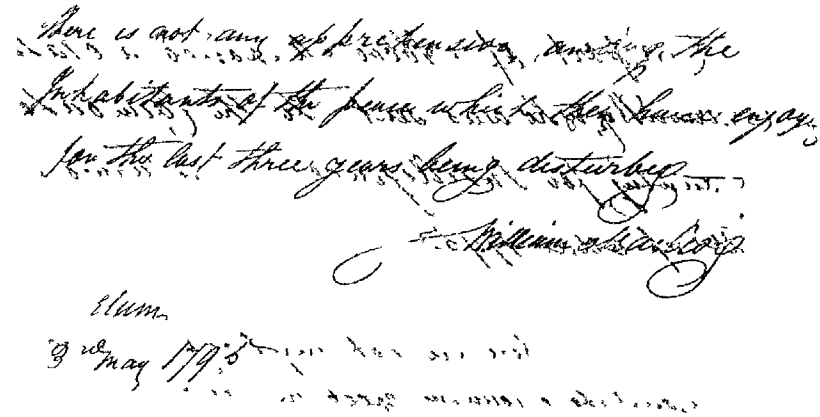
Report of a Harcanak
Delay 1796



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My Lord

Forward the accompanying report from Seringapatam; which altho' unfavorable and improbable regarding the Subah, it may be improper to conceal, as the situation of his army appears not to render such a circumstance beyond possibility — and I have hardly a doubt but Marcarras have been at Seringapatam

I have the honor to
be My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's
very obedient and
faithful Servant
Wm. Kelly

Bombay
1795.

The Reports brought from Coringapatam
which accompanied my Letter of the 4th Instt, are
confirmed by two or three Marcarrahs who
arrived within these few Days, so far
as relates to the preparing the Equipage Horse
upon the Island, and the movements
of Monsr De Lambelle's Corps from Carrighat
Hill to the South side of the Southern Branch
of the Cauveri.

The former report of the Seapoys being
a Prisoner may be reconciled to have arisen from
either of the two circumstances - one a Sepoy
of the Chiefs (probably his Chuprassy) being
carried as a prisoner to Bednore, or either the

Pandits

From Captain Nicholas
Dated 4th May 1795

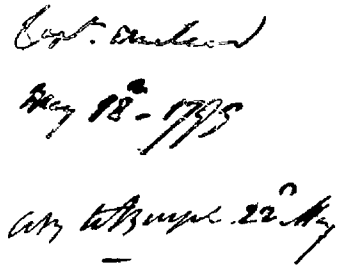
Secret Department

Report of Cassajee, a Marcarrah who left Seringapatam on the 24th of May 1784.

That about the 19th of May two Sushoons, Bagge Sheaun's and fifty Sowar's with four Guns and two Risalla (106) Horse crossed the North Branch of Cauvery from the Island — and encamped opposite to Shar-e-Ganjam — It is said that the other Sushoon are to join them for the purpose of marching under Cutub-ul-Dowlah to give [illegible]

Poligars who are troublesome on that neighbourhood [illegible] it was much conjectured [illegible]

[illegible]



Tippo has been lately dispossed — and is not yet perfectly secured.

The Parties of regular Horse which have been lately drawn from their foraging situations are cantoned on the Island where it would seem it is intended they are to remain, because several Infantry Corps which were cantoned along the southern bank of the Island, are removed to make room for the Horse — New Barracks are constructing for the Infantry between Shar-e-Gunjam and Lall Baugh.

Tippo has repaired the Cauvery Bridge at Seringapatam which is said to have been destroyed [illegible] years ago.

A communication is [illegible] between the Island and [illegible] by a Bridge of Boats.

[illegible] Gateway [illegible] has been [illegible] years ago [illegible]

[illegible]

Elcum 3rd January 1795

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My Lord

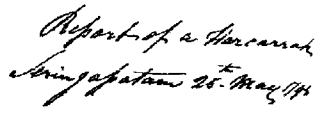
I have the honor to transmit the accompanying report of a Harcarrah, upon whom I have considerable confidence — The report which prevails lately at Seringapatam of a force being preparing to be sent towards Norrack, must have originated with the preparation of the two Battoons which have crossed the North Branch of the River.

From Tippoo having withdrawn his regular Horse from the foraging stations — and his having established the Mysore Bridge, it is probable he had some apprehension of being attacked.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
most obedient humble

8 Miles West from
Selem. 2nd June 1795.

The Right Honble
Lord Hobart
&c.



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Report of [illegible] a Harcarrah who returned from the Coimbatore Country after having been at Coimbatore Dindigul Erroad and Chandragam which latter place he left on the 7th Instant.

"That Soubadar Singes Cushoon of 1200 Infantry and about 400 Soubadar (Irregular) Horse, are stationed at Chandragam under the command of Tucker Ali Dean, Buckshee. There are no Guns attached to the Infantry of which one Company is stationed at Palatchy, near Coimbatore

The Forts in the Coimbatore country are all garrisoned by Seapoys and not in any Force.

There was no news from Tippoo Sam

[illegible]

+ twelve chiefs Yesterday from Sam [illegible]

Copy to Bengal 5 Lines.

Scarce Department

Moordarrie
near Salem
10th June 1795

My Lord

The accompanying report from the Coimbatore Country appears to me to deserve credit. The corps of Infantry and part of the Cavalry therein alluded to, arrived lately from Tongapatam for the purpose of protecting that country against Bands of Robbers who infest it.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's very obedient
and faithful Servant
William Maclay

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor &c &c &c

14 [illegible]

Fort William Bengal 16th June

Report from the
Sub Committee
the June 1796

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Extract from the Reports of Viraswamy Scharie and Venkat Ram who left Seringapatam the former on the 26th and the latter on the 28th of June 1795.—

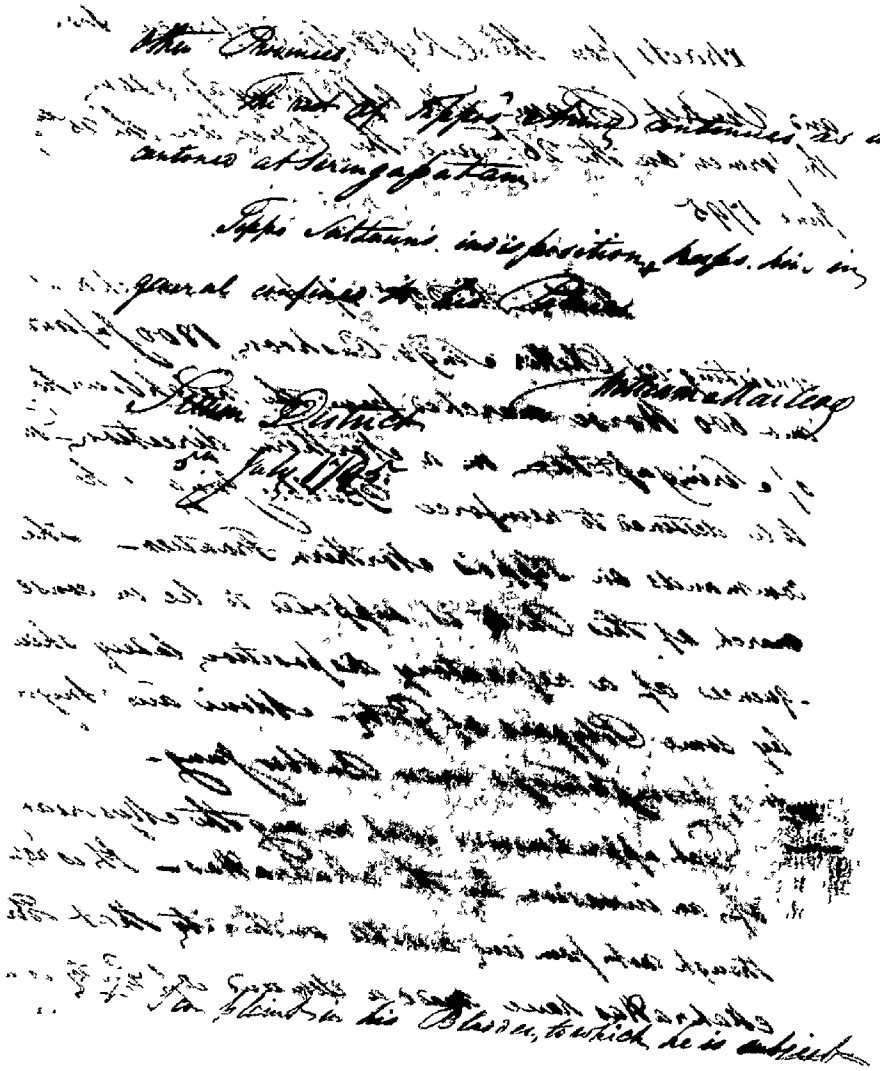
On the 20th of June a detachment consisting of Colonel Wings Cushoon, 1800 Infantry and 800 Horse marched from the neighbourhood of Seringapatam in a southern direction said to be destined to reinforce Budder Jung who commands on Tippoo's northern Frontier. The object of this Party is supposed to be in consequence of a refractory disposition lately shewn by some Polygars of Gooty. Adoni and Shigoon in which Budder Jung

Great apprehensions exist among the Mysoreans of an invasion by the Mahrattas. No reports though sent from every quarter to the Mahrattas have made a Second [illegible]

Copy Mr. Lee's
June 2d 1795

Jun. Capt. Maitland
June 6. 1795

Copy to Bengal
16 June



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Report of Sabiah a Barcarrah who ...

... the 4th Sept 1775.

He informed that a Detachment of Cavalry ...

... the Northern Parties which he ...

... Sent ...

Reforma de la Barcelona
Plan Cerdá
Sept. de 1859

(copia) La Vanguardia 18 July

Such Bramens are are not in the service are
turned out of the Fort of Seringapatam, and
their Houses given to Moormen at a reduced
price.

There is no preparation nor appearance
of his army taking the field.—

I am &c.

William Medlog

Feb.

May 1795

Seringapatam — From these circumstances it is apprehended at Seringapatam, an invasion of Tippoo Dawnidoo may be designed after the close of the Western Monsoon, when the

Tippoo has drawn all his Cavalry assembled at the late Feasts of Lee Hudeey; and had the cattle of Freeby commissioned to him in the

Begum which answered to be

Mood of all the Inhabitants in the dominions of Mysore, Canara & both sexes included, are

and Duffy Thousand.

He still continues to be indisposed and generally confined to his Palace.

His order to demolish the Colours Bungalow has been countermanded

Cash

Sent Department
21 Jan

My Lord

I have the honor to forward to your Lordship the accompanying Reports of two Barcarrahs who returned seperately from Hindostan — and upon whose reports I have this forenoon services, regarding to no. 1 & 2

I have been disappointed in not hearing so often as I wished from Seringapatam on account of three Barcarrahs whom I despached thither, having returned without going farther than Caveripoor — from a desire being permitted to go thro' the Carnatic unless provided with [illegible]

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's
most faithful and
obedient humble servant

Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

Secret Department
Bleam 13th July 1795.
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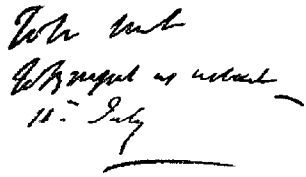
My Lord

I have the honor of transmitting to your Lordship the accompanying Report of Seringapatam brought by a Harcarrah upon whom I have established confidence and been employed in the same capacity for ten years.

I have the honor to be
my Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's
very obedient faithful Hble
William Kirkpatrick

The Right Honble
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c



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I have the honor to transmit for your information a report of a Harcarrah from Hoshingabad upon whom I have considerable confidence so far as regards his having been there. —

Although the current opinion appears to be that the Mahrattas are treating for an offensive alliance with Scindia &c. more probable, as has been before reported that they are making some undue demands — unless the separation of the Nizam's son from his Father may cause a change in their Policies

From Captain Macleod
13 July 1795
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with Instructions Copies
to Navigate

Have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's
most faithful and obedient Servt.
William Eden
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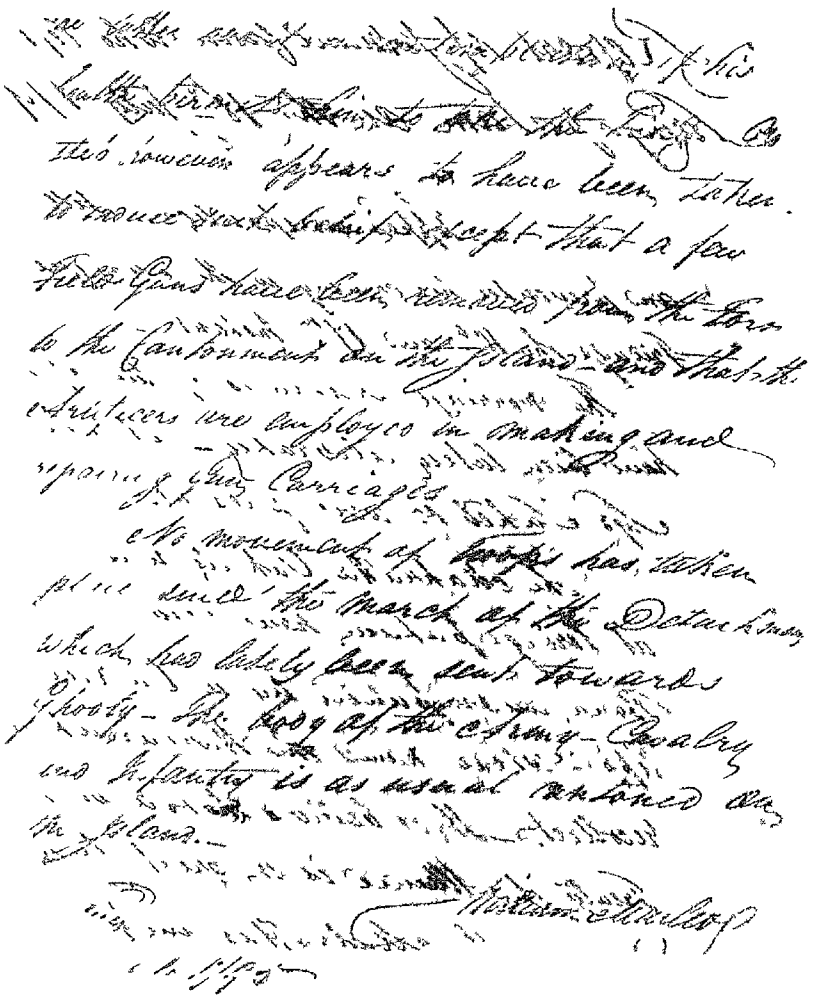
Ernst Engel, Kgl. Sächs. Staatsrath
Dresden, Wettinerstr. 4, I.

Herrn Dr. Max Hirsch
Berlin



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My Lord

The accompanying is the substance of the reports of two men who returned from Seringapatam — Some great confusion in them reality, so far as regards the present position of the Army — and the reports current at Seringapatam

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships very obedient
and faithful Servant
William Kelly Cod

Hoodeepatam
in the Jelum District
24th August 1795.

The Right Honble
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

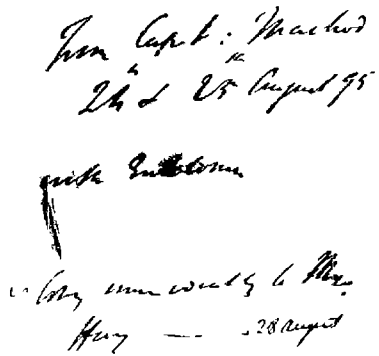
Reports engaged
18th July 1795

27 July 95
Mr. Medley Report
Rejected

Just Departed [illegible]
29th

My Lord

Houssain Cawn, an Inhabitant of the Town, whom I sent to Caverypooram to learn the reports of that place, returned last night and declares that on Saturday the 22nd Instant while he was in the Audience with the Amildar who is in relation of his, a dusback arrived from Seringapatam directing the Samelsan to have in readiness all provisions for a detachment of three thousand Infantry and Four thousand Horse which were shortly to march thither from Seringapatam — That the messenger who brought the letter mentioned it was upon an [illegible] were to [illegible] Tanjore Plaintiff — That [illegible] Fifth of March



returned to Poonah after having agreed to pay
a certain subsidy to the Mahrattas for a year
& Aurungabad to act with Tippoo and that
the expedition of Cutch to the Mahrattas
upon particular terms was objected to
as an event likely to take place

[illegible] detachments from Seringapatam
actually move towards Tippoo's dominions
& cannot be undertaken until the
Mahrattas have formed their designs
against the English.

I have the honor to be
my Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's most obedient
and faithful Servant
William Medlycott

[illegible]
Bellary

Head Quarters
in the Nellum District
2nd August 1795

Extracts from the Reports of Gl. Baird and Colonel H. Wilson - the former having left Seringapatam on the 6th and the latter on the 10th instant

The whole of Tippoo's army remains cantoned on the Island of Seringapatam - excepting the Irregular Horse, which are as usual at foraging stations within thirty Miles of Seringapatam.

A small number of Workmen are employed in building a new Rampart on the North face of Seringapatam - which it would seem can not be completed for several years - The Cillyane Gate still remains unfinished -

It is currently believed the Mahratta Vakeel has made a demand of Gooty and Serah from Tippoo, offering to assist him in any enterprize which might promise advantage to both parties - Which proposal Tippoo it is reported has rejected but that he is somewhat apprehensive the

Mahratta Vakeel

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Colonel Hardy Despatches after the Western Mission
shall have arrived, to cause the Symphonia with the
view of enforcing compliance.

It appears that Tippo is more anxious than usual
to have his corps completing with Recruits.

Despatches with the
Salem Frigate
24th August 1795

William Bradley

D. Lieut Colonel Sartorius

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Q. My Lord

The accompanying report is brought to me by a native of Tellicherry whom I sent to Seringapatam. He has entered into the service of Tippoo's army which would enable him to discover among the troops more exactly than otherwise could be, and gives an appearance of probability to his reports which regards any future designs is merely the ideas current among the troops.

Your Lordship will I hope, forgive my speaking to reports which may be thought improbable, being nearly impossible to obtain authentic information of Tippoo's designs, there appears to be no other mode of judging of them except by comparing reports with existing circumstances.

Upon reports alone little dependence can be placed. For example, it is believed at Seringapatam

Ex dono Auctoris.

Reformatorum Apostolus.
Edinburgh 1795.

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Seringapatam that the Operations lately [illegible]
but from address are intended to attack the
Mahratta's from the South of Adoni.

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's very obed
[illegible] servant
William Medows

Vattamanjulam
in the Salem District
31st August 1795

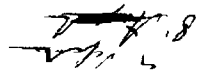
The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart &c
Governor
&c &c

Head Quarters

Report of Sepoy Chandoo who left Tellingay on the 24th. of August 1795

[illegible] the Commander in Chief the usual [illegible] Hostilities on the part of Tippoo Sultaun [illegible] has latterly been made known to him. It is said that four Cushoons are soon to be attached with a proportion of Cavalry — two to the Coimbatore country and two Nundicanda to reinforce Lord Cornwallis's General Fire Guns with stores complete, is lately removed from the Fort to the Cantonment a considerable number of Gun Bullocks have been purchased.

Meer Hadeem, one of the Vaqueels [illegible] had sent to the Peishwa still continues at Poona, it is reported that the Abdallee designs to [illegible] the Carnatic in January next [illegible] induced to co operate with them [illegible]



Hall have made a few marches and commenced
operations on the Carnatic

All the Europeans, who have been lately
[illegible] at Seringapatam have returned to
their respective Districts. The Bullock Mares
about 400 which have been committed to their
charge and taken to Seringapatam, have been
returned there, and distributed amongst the
Cavalry Corps.

William Medlicott

Chittamangalum
on the Salem District
31st August 1791

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Secret Department

My Lord.

A Harcarrah sent to Seringapatam having returned, reports that a party of Infantry has crossed the Carth Branch of the Cauvery at Seringapatam, and are said to be destined to Coorumcondah.

The Harcarrah having remained sick at Selum has prevented my having an opportunity of examining him particularly regarding the strength of the party alluded to.

I have had no further confirmation of the being an [illegible] of troops being sent from Seringapatam to Hamidabad, however, the Commissioner Coimbatoor country have got order to procure certain quantities of forage and Grain.

Report from
Seringapatam
21st August 1795

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I have the honour to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's very
and humble Servt.
William Charles

[illegible]
[illegible]
10th September 1795

The Right Honble
Lord Hobart
Governor &c &c &c

Secret Department

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My Lord

The accompanying report is brought by a Native of this country, who having been before employed as a Harcarrah has proved himself as deserving of some confidence

There appears to be no further reason to credit a former report of Troops being sent towards Cauveripoom or Combatoor — especially as it appears the Nabobs Infantry and the greatest part of the Horse returned to Seringapatam —

I have the honor to be &c &c
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
most obedient and
faithful Humble Servt
William Kelly

Ellapoor on the
Adam District
22nd September 1792

The Right Honble
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

Report of Vasa-acharie, a Harcarrah arrived from Seringapatam which he left on the 7th of September 1795—

Tippoo's army remains in the usual position on the Island of Seringapatam— An Detachment lately made from it, was a Pushoon which, with two Field Pieces marched about the end of August to reinforce the Troops in the Gooty Dustauk

The two Field Guns which has been sometime upon service in each Pushoon, were continue attached to such corps. The cattle which has lately been collected for Draught, after being trained and marked are sent to grass. There was no Parwannah or other report of an intention of the army taking the field.

The Pushoon which was stationed in the Coimbatoor country was relieved by another Pushoon, which is now at a village fifteen miles South East from Coimbatoor— Four Hundred Horse which were below the Ghauts are in

[illegible] Company at Patam with the received Goods - Having only
about fifty Horse as a Guard with the Rest Commissioners
& Attendants

The Grain which was ordered to be procured by the
several Amildars below the Ghauts, as by a Letter dated
to be sent to Seringapatam.

You see that a Letter is to be sent to remonstrate
upon Sahib at Raichoty.

William Abingdon

Hafoor Kutcherry
Salem District
22nd September 1795.

First Division
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My Lord

The Harcarrah who brought the accompanying Report confirms in general the report which I had the honor yesterday to forward to your Lordship with this difference that there appears to have been two Cushions despatched to the eastward instead of one, and five hundred Horse - and that the report of yesterday reckoned their departure from the time of the detachments crossing the North branch of the Roan instead of the 11th the day on which it seems it marched from the neighbourhood of Seringapatam. The Harcarrah who brings the present report having served a long time with fidelity I have some reliance on his accuracy —

I have the honor to be
My Lord - with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's very obed.
and faithful Servant
William Medows

Chapoor in the
Salem District
29th September 1795

The Right Honble
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

Ph. Esp. Mathematicae Lille 22 Septembre

Paris le 10 Mai

Papier à vingt centimes
pour Décembre 1895

He confirms the report of the Cashoon in the Seringapatam country having retired &c.

Translation of a memorandum in the Mahratta language said to have been written by a Brahmin at Seringapatam, who has agreed to be employed as a channel of communication from thence.

"

On Friday (a Canary date corresponding with)
"the 17th September, two Pishwaes under the command
"of Parkaum Bhow Tellerah, marched for Ashtgoon,
"accompanied by 500 Horse, to chastise the Polygar
"of Tullycottah Bundicotta and Shoa-ajaar, for
"opposing Bubber Jung, who has incurred the
"Sultauns displeasure and is ordered to
"Seringapatam.

"

The eighteen Dewanees (Governments of Provinces) have been lately formed into twenty four

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marks and to check the Poligars— It is supposed that Colonel Ally will relieve Bubber Jung— who on account of his conduct, is to be sent to Conjeveram.—

Grain is unusually dear at Conjeveram

A considerable number of Horses have died in the course of the last two months during the rains—

It is said that several parties of Horse, which having lately quitted the Nizams service, are entertained for Tippoo's service by a Vakeel at Conjeveram.

It is believed the Mahrattas have not yet desisted from making exorbitant demands from Tippoo relative to the region of Bidnore &c. But the conditions they are said to propose— or the language they use in compliance or refusal, gesticulations &c &c are conjectures are not worth

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Viz:

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Seringapatam	Chital-Drug
Cuddy	Savan Drug
Cundoor	Hurry-Drug
Hemungedum	Bengalore
Combatoor	Cuddengerry
Bednore	Ruttengerry
Mangalore	Murruck-Serah
Biswaraigegurr	Pau-Ghurr
Sedasheo-Ghurr	Rau-Drug
Chunder-Goottee	Harpan Kully
Seringapatam	Chittle-Drug
Gurrucka-Cotta	Goorumconda "

William Chambers

Cotta
in the Salem District
23. September 1793.

Ins Kgl. Madras Lille
23 Sept

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My Lord

A Harcarrah who left
Seringapatam on the 31st Ultimo reports that
Tippoo's Army continues in its usual position
at his Capital and without any appearance
of an intention to take the field. That
Budder Zeman who was suspended in the command
of the Western Frontiers arrived at
Seringapatam and is disgraced. That a
reinforcement of One Hundred was lately
sent to Syd Sahib at Gurramconda
to assist in suppressing an insurrection of
the Polygars of Bellapoon and Tempully.

The Cavalry stationed at Seringapatam
is considerably reduced by the late inclemency
of

From Capt Brooks
12 Sept 1795
Wm Thompson

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& the weather and dry sickness - this season having been unusually severe in that quarter, by constant heavy rains -

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
Most obedient and
Faithful Servant
William Bligh

Lt. Governor
5th November 1795

The Right Honble
Lord Hobart
Governor
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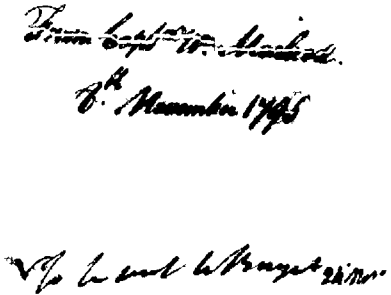

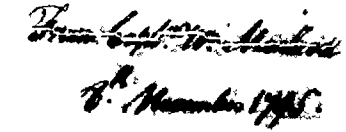

From the Commandant
at Ayacucho
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Secret Department

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My Lord

Two Harcarahs who left Seringapatam, on the 15th of this month, have returned and bring no particulars news. The Army is in its usual position at Seringapatam — and there is no appearance, nor report of its being out in motion.

It is reported that Tippo is to be married in January next to a Daughter of Syed Saheb

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships very obedt
and faithful Hble

Mr Holland Cast
from Calicut
21st December 1793

The Lord

From Captain G. Dawkins
Dated 20 Nov: 1795
Rec: 24 — D°

Dear Sparkes &c:

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My Lord,

A Cattaur of Tipoo's with dispatches from Harcarah to Seringapatam has returned by the mountains route of Sacandroog Bangalore and Palcode

He says he left Seringapatam on the 15th of September on which day Lyd. Tipoo arrived there from Goorumcondu with his family escorted by two Hundred Horse for the purpose of celebrating the marriage of his son with Zeyno a connection which had been for some time past spoken of as intended to take place

The Army was on its usual footing, and in respect to Politics there was every appearance of perfect tranquility

From Captain Wm Maitland
28 November 1795
au b Duc

Vaste b Kongre mimediately
11 Decembre

I have the honor to be
my Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships very obedient
and faithful Servant
William Charlton

13 Miles East from
Thorr 5th December 1795

The Right Honble
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

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Report of Imam Begs an Inhabitant of Chitoor who says he left Seringapatam on the 26th of November 1795

That in the course of the last two or three Days he was at Seringapatam when six or seven Cosheens of Infantry with Three Score and two Thousand Regular Horse crossed the North Branch of the Cauvery and encamped along the Bellary River within two Miles of the Fort. The Tents of Cumr ul Deen who had been appointed to command this Party were pitched within with it. The destination of this Corps was believed to be Herial a Fortified Post and District belonging to Tippoo on the South Bank of the Tumbudra and but three Miles North East from Hurpa-

From Capt Wm Macleod

5th December 1795.

Wm

of succeeding his Father.

The Garrison of Periapatam was 69
strengthening lately to check frequent depreda-
tions made on that District by
Plunderers from the Carga Rajah country"

William Chalmers

Mr Courchy
Collector District
of December 1795.

Note — The Man who brings the
foregoing, has a son in Lt Johnson's
Cavalry — and altho' not before
employed as a Harcarrah, appears
to distinct in describing what he
saw and heard — as to deserve
belief.

W Chalmers

In consequence of this movement of this Body was imposed to the strength of the Garrison of Chabrai which has otherwise that guard are sure suspected to be inclining the Religion of Gingoondy to rebel against Sitapa whose jealousy was increased by the frequent demands made from the Cladra Rao of Kishenah

It was thought Caman Bel Deen would march, attack the Gyamma of Dindul

The Cultivators the arrival of Hyder Ally at Chinagherry in the Purpose of raising Contributions to Gifts

Three days Feasts and Ceremony rejoices were made at Gifts on the honor of his return on marriage for the Fourteen of Chadras and another for the Cladra of respect on congratulation

&c

My Lord

I have the honor of forwarding the accompanying reports of a Marcarrah from Seringapatam

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's
most obedient and
faithful servant
William Macleod

12 Miles East
from Chittoor
7th December 1795.

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The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c.

My Lord

From a Harcarrah who left Seringapatam on the 15th Instant I understand that the troops which had been preparing to march under command of Cornwallis & Abercrombie are not yet moved. — Another Party of Infantry computed at five thousand men accompanied the Fourth Branch of the Cavalry & Encampt at Pachanty — one Battalion of the Fort — and small detachments of the Horse amounting to about two thousand Men from the foregoing Intelligence have assembled at the Peerroon French Rocks — The various preparations of Stores and Guns indicate the designs of a [illegible] Siege

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From Capt. Wm. Bedford

R. 8th December 1795

With 1 enclosure

Copy to Secretary of War

54 on the monuments of which no progress
has yet been made

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
very obedient and fa
Millamo

Middlesex
18 Miles & a half from
Town 25th December 1795

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Capt Maclay
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From Captain Mackay

Dated 25th Decr 1795
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Copy to the Secretary
of War

Copy
Capt. Maitland
Dec. 25. 1795

From Captain Maitland

Date 25th Dec. 1795
Received 30th —

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on march

From the Commandant
at Nyacottah.

12 January 1796

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Verbs to Jno Hay

on account

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Infantry now stationed there, does not seem to exceed 1800— The restriction of not enlisting Mussoos tends to keep the Corps very weak— on account of the difficulty of procuring a sufficient number of Mussulman Recruits to keep the Corps complete

Tippo often amuses himself of a-hunting He makes a practice from the Palace the Forest on Carbine slung over his shoulders.—

William Kirkpatrick

Calcutta
13 January 1796

on the Jaipur — the former having objected to certain orders detailing to the mutinous operations of the Detachment

Ban Nissa-Rows a Brahmin of great wealth and experience in campaigning [illegible]

It was reported at Jeypore that an Army was dispatched up [illegible] Detachment to Kuda near Bandakas

Both Regiments joined to the common of the Division [illegible] Brigade Cavalry Lance Made [illegible] Cadogan was encamped at Collyore for the purpose of warning of protecting the country against plunderers from the Carnatic Country

[illegible] Dampster of [illegible] and to be married to the eldest [illegible] on the 20th of January

Here we are by ourselves anywhere boys marching from Moringpatam — the body of Infantry

1 [illegible] Rows encamp at Bandakas

70 Post Department

Sir

I have the honor to forward the accompanying Extracts from the report of a Barcarrah returning from Springfontein on whose fidelity I have great confidence

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
most obedient and
faithful Servant
William Macleay

Colchester
13th January 1796

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

Sent Expedition

My Lord

Two Harcarrahs have lately returned from Seringapatam — one of them confirms the report of a Harcarrah in the Morning about the middle of the month respecting a Detachment has marched towards Gooramcoonda — the other who says he left Seringapatam the 13th Instant asserts that Cannon — was sent with the Detachment which marched last month, and that it was destined for Shigoondy — not for Gooramcoonda. — Sam rather inclines to credit the report of Cannon — it being still at Seringapatam —

All quiet in Canara

&c

Maryland

1796

as to the force now remaining at Seringapatam not to exceed seven eight thousand Infantry and Three Thousand Horse — Can also take in an appearance of further aid of Troops

The marriage articles of said Syd Saheb's Daughter to Tippoo are

I have the honor to
etc. etc. etc.
with the greatest
esteem Respect &
very obedient Servt
Tho.

William Kelly

15 Miles
South from Chittore
24th January 1796

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Secret Department

My Lord

I have the honor to forward the accompanying report of a Harcarrah, who left Bangalore on the 29th of last month, the truth of which I have no reason to doubt, so far as regards his having been at Seringapatam — and the current reports of the Place. — He is very positive respecting Cornwallis — but Dean Kirkpatrick at Seringapatam —

I assume that it is need less to instruct your Lordships to write all them reports you may hear from that quarter each week, always to avoid the rebarking circumstances which may appear a

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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consequence.

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Your Excellency's
most obedient and
most faithful servant
William Maclay

15 Miles South
from Sharon
6th February 1796.

The Right Honorable
Thos Mifflin
Governor
&c &c

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Asst Department

Report of Ranjee's Harcarrah sent to Seringapatam on the 29th of January 1796.

Two Detachments of Horse and Foot had marched from Seringapatam on December the 20th and encamped at Bagoor under Honsajee Abby Caun towards Angoondy on the Southern Frontier — and also Rei- nforcements stronger towards Gooramconda

The first mentioned it is supposed has been sent to reinforce the Corps on that quarter with the view of attending the motions of the Mahrattas whose demands of Territory as Peishcush from Tippoo has excited suspicions of their designs — The object of the second mentioned Detachments is conjectured to have been

From Captain William Maitland
6th February 1796.

With one enclosure.

Vice Admiral Bligh 21

Capt. Maitland
Feb. 7 1796

The Vakeels who has been lately at camp,
with the pardes returned to Seringapatam
on the 27th of last month.

Syd Saheb is still at Seringapatam

William Meadows

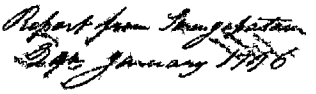
Viragunoor 15 Miles South
from Mitou 6th February 1796.

that the late dissentions in the Persian Government might have afforded Tippoo a favourable opportunity of making upon Cuddapah and other provinces. —

The Detachment of Infantry which was near the borders of the Cuddapah country has returned to Seringapatam. The Infantry at present stationed at the Capital does not exceed 2000 Sepoys — which in strength may be estimated at nearly 12 Thousand.

Twenty Pieces of Brass Cannon were lately cast at the Foundery.

The marking of the Muskets Carbines and Pistols is entirely discontinued at Seringapatam. Before the last war small arms had been made at four or five different Stations


Report from Bengalstan
24th January 1776

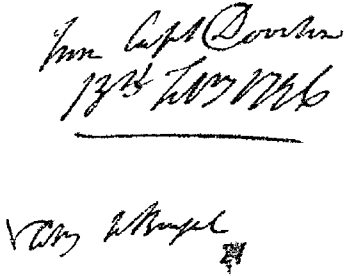
To William Jackson Esquire
Secretary &c &c

Sir

I have duly received with your Letter of the 6th Instant, written by His Lordships Command, directing me to ascertain the object which a body of Indian Troops could be near our frontiers might have in view.

Having been in daily expectation of the return of some of the Barcarahs sent to the Illinois Country, I had an opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter.

Those to whom the Lordship the Governor in Chief sent on the 8th of December a detachment of Six Canoes with their Guns and 2000 Men, having encountered the French Detachment of Fifteen about the 20th of December. From subsequent circumstances, particularly those which happened on the 13th January and 1st February, it appeared that this detachment had divided into two parties — one of which, the smallest, consisting of Canadians & negroes, and the Indians [illegible]



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Gorrumcondah. The object of the latter was
to have been to take possession of
Cubbuk in the event of success on the part
of the Sirdars son in the late rebellion
against his father affording such an
opportunity. I think it probable that
the Detachment in the party allowed to in
your letter - as one of the great roads from
Bengalore to Gorrumconda, passes thro
Chunganoor, not far from the Chuggedilly
Pass and the Hill Fort of Sidwolpilly - Droog
a reputed asylum for refractory Polygars,
which has been several times taken and restored
by Tippoo - who, I believe has at present no
hostile design against any Power - and I
am inclined to suppose is rather apprehensive
of the Mahrattas.

I have sent Emissaries towards
Gorrumcondah to learn the destination and
views of this Detachment.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient Servant
William Medows

15 Letters for the
Secret Office
25th February 1796.

From Captain W. Macleod
26 Febr 1796
rec. 1st March

Col. to Govt.
Boston Sunday
at Bengal

From Captain Bowater
29 February 1796
mid. [illegible] March –

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From Captain Douglas
4 March 1796
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From Captain Barlow
9 March 1796
rec'd —

Col Gen Secretary
Barlow - 16 March

Head Quarters

My Lord

Conformably to your Lordship's directions through Mr. Jackson, to ascertain the Design of the party of Tippoo's troops near the Western frontier, a Harcarrah sent for that purpose returned last night — having left that Detachment on the 1st of this month in the Bungalore District — and encamped about five miles from the Hill Fort. — Agreeably to Orders. — He observes of the Strength of this Detachment that it consists of three Battalions probably 2,500 Infantry with three Guns — and a body of Horse appears to be from six to eight Hundred — He says that the Polygars of Sungamatty Soonagoor and Hechlenagy Petteam are with the

Tippoo

From Capt Darrell
19 March 1796

Offs to Mr Barlow.

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followers in the Fort of extraordinary Dimensions
that the detachment had made two or three
unsuccessful attempts to force a Pass
which leads to the Dwelling and that for the
present they must give up the enterprise,
judging their strength to be insufficient—and
having written to Lieutenant Gen. [illegible]
reinforcements—the detachment has
fallen back into the Plain

I have the honor to be
Your Lordship
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's very obedient
humble Servant

Yungay daily
Peruvian Division
11th March 1796

The Right Honble
Lord Hobart &c &c &c

Seat Dyarta
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My Lord

D'Harcourah who left Seringapatam on the 4th Instant reports that a Detachment of near two Thousand Horse and Foot had marched to the Eastward about the 25 of February - supposed to be designed against Auchpilly - Enoog the Party already there appeared too weak to resist it -

It had been reported that Tippo intended to march with the rest of the Army towards Coimbetoor - but it does not appear from any preparations that such a design is in contemplation -

It was reported that the Sick Men was preparing at the Seat and that the Sick Bullocks were ...

From Captain Wm Maitland
11th March 1796
rec. 20 —

Wm Wm Barlow

the foraging Parties. — It may however be his intention to visit the North East Frontier and it is not his custom ever to travel without being escorted by a small Army

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships very obed
humble Servant
William Clarke

16 Miles South
from Hobart Town March 14th
1796.

The
Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

Secret Department

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My Lord

I have the honor to forward the accompanying reports, from which it does not appear that Tippo has any idea of taking the field.—

I have dispatched two Harcarrahs to Captain Dalrymple's detachment with the view of giving it information of the movements of the two Parties from Tippo's Army, in the neighbourhood of Swalpilly Droog.—

I have the honor to be
My Lord,
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's
very obedient faithful servant,

William Medows

18 Miles South West
from Arkaun 21st March
1796

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

From Captain Meriwether
to Thomas Jefferson
14 March 1796

Copy
Meriwether Lewis
Esqr. Albemarle

Report of Lechmiah a Barcarrah who says he left Gurramconda on the 5th Instant

"There are no Troops at Gurramconda except the Garrison —

There is a Detachment besieging the Hill Fort, Awulpilly Droog, of Two Battoons six Guns and four Hundred Horse under Fazil Cawn — It is encamped at the Pass of Ramsamoodie — three of the Cannon are Battering guns, which arrived lately from Seringapatam — There is another detachment as a covering party under Cheeta Sing, encamp'd at Gurramconda, Ten Miles distant from Awulpilly Droog, consisting of Two Battoons four Guns, and seven hundred Horse"

William Allardice

18 Miles South West
from Arnee 21st March 1776

Jun Capt Murdoch
21st March 1796.

with 2 Enclosures.

Capn Wm Dickey
& Mr. Scott Barker.

Report of Sircar and Shake Jemaa, Harcarrahs who returned from Seringapatam: having left it on the 10th of March 1796.—

Tippo is at Seringapatam— His marriage with Tippo Sahebs Daughter has not yet taken place— The Troops cantoned on the Island appear to be about 7000 Infantry and 4000 Horse— There is no report of any part of the force being designed to take the field Camur ul Deen and Tippo Saheb are both Seringapatam— Meer Kummur ul Deen is sent to Bidanore to collect Treasure, on the occasion of the Sultans intended marriage— and several other Sirdars are dispatched to different parts of the Country for the same purpose

A large party of Ryots (4000) had been assembled at Seringapatam from Coorg and Wynaad, in compliance to Tippo's Commands which has been

happened about the 21st of February -

William Maclay

18 Miles South West
from Athens 21st March 1796.

seem to refer from them for private purposes but the
Commissaries Lippe having discovered that the chief
cause of their complaint has been Jan Oldecop for
Oliver Vandeck, his Servant, ordered him to be
confined; that the prisoner knowing the reason of his
confinement, extricated himself by forging a letter
addressed by some of the Head Farmers to the
Indians Governors inviting the English to
come and take Possession of them, promising their
assistance and the facility of accomplishing
the objects. This forgery being discovered Jan Oldecop
his baggage & one of their Horses & that
lodged to accompany the Commissaries were
sent with instructions immediately to the Governor
Fletchers Secretary which was followed by the
Liberation of the innocent Men, and the
acquittal of Oliver Vandeck. The Governor Fletcher

From the Commandant
at Pigacottah
29 March 1796
recd 6 April

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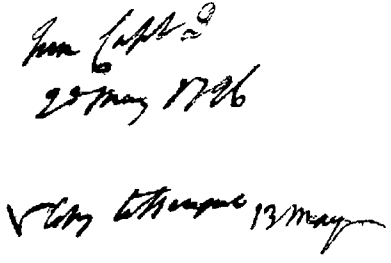
My Lord

Two Harcarrahs who has been dispatched two months ago to Raichore by the route of Gooramconda, have returned, by the way of Gooty, Gurribunda, Colar and Baddicottah

I had directed them to report such occurrences as they might learn in their way thro' Nizam's Country to Lieutenant Col. Quarter Master to the Nizam's Detachment and requested of him to communicate to the purport of it to your Lordship thro' the Secretary which I understand he has done. They left Raichore on the 25th of April and Gooty on the 1st of this month. At Gooty they saw a corps of 6000 Infantry with two Guns and 700 Horse encampt near the Fort which they underst-

stood



of the troubles of refractory Polygars.

I have been lately much disappointing by several Harcarrahs having returned from the Pages of Pyalgatty and Cascripooram without effecting their way to Seringapatam, either an account of the objections made against allowing strangers to pass or from an apprehension of being taken up in consequence of two Harcarrahs that were sent to Seringapatam in February, not having returned—

From the difficulty which has occurred, in lately obtaining a tolerably accurate statement of Tippoo's military force, I have been at the expence of about a Hundred Pagodas on enquiring, a person, whom I expect to return from Seringapatam with satisfactory information of the present state of Tippoo's Army, in the

Course

was the only force which Tippoo has at present on that part of his northern frontier exclusive of the several garrisons which are not strong. There has been other Detachments in that part of the country — but they have been recalled to the Capital —

They report the Garrison of Gooramconda not to exceed 200 irregular Infantry — that — a Jowlpelly — Droog has been reduced — and — that the Detachments which has been employed against it and other Polygars north of Colar have returned to Seringapatam at which time they heard that Jaleb still remained

They report the whole country to the Eastward of Colar and between it and Gooramconda to lie in a State of Restitution in consequence of —

course of June or July—

I have the honor to be
my Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships very obedient Servant
William Charlton

Twelve o'Clock
North of St Vincent
18th day 1796.

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

Vol. 1 p. 1111
Received 24th May

War Department

My Lord

The accompanying report is brought from Seringapatam by a Harcarrah who may be depended on. — The reports of the death of the senior members of Tippoo Rajahs family, I had before heard, but not from authority that I thought worthy belief — on which account I deferred to mention it to your Lordship.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect.
Your Lordships most obedient humble

William Macleay

12 Miles
North from Channel
22nd day 1796

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

From Captain G. Dowton
23d May 1796
No 28 —

Vide Ltr Compl
in cover 31st May

Report of Ramapah, a Barcarrah who left Seringapatam on the 16th inst. 1796.—

That the Detachment under Chetter Sing which had been employed in taking Chooldy Droog had not returned to Seringapatam but was expected to arrive there daily

An immense number of workmen are employed in fortifying the North Face of Seringapatam—which although begun near four years ago, it is supposed cannot be completed in less than five or six years as the old Rampart had been entirely levelled from the foundation The new Work is in some parts five or eight feet above the surface of the ground—but the greatest part is hardly raised so high as a man with ground

The Infantry in Cantonments at Seringapatam appears to be about 15000—and the Cavalry alone 3000—the irregular Cavalry I hear of

Copy to Mr Sully Boston

the Palace of the Rajah – It is said that in a few Days after receiving the Jewels, he sent a Mussulman Doctor to the Rajah, who continued to poison him, – as he only survived the Doctor's visit two or three Days – Immediately on the Rajahs death the Palace was plundered of all the valuable effects it contained, which are reported to have been worth two Crores of Rupees. – The Rajah has left a son who is still alive a State Prisoner –

"Tyd e Sahib Omir ul Deen, and Bubber Jung are at e Seringapatam".

William e Maclood

12 e Miles Nor E from e Mancal 22nd e May 1796

The Family of the Rajah have been state Prisoners ever since Hyder usurped the Government – Several members of it have been put to death at different times by Hyder and Tippo – but for some superstitious reason some of the e Male Heirs were always allowed to survive

in consequence of forage.

About the beginning of April the funeral rites of the ex-Rajahs Family took place, the deceased having been given by Tippoo Order. The circumstances of his death are reported thus — Late in the month of March during the ceremonies of Tippoo visit to Seringapatam presents of Betel and Betelle were sent to the principal Officers in honour of that event, and among the others to the imprisoned Rajah, who to shew his respect on that occasion by a suitable return, sent to Tippoo some Jewels of great value which suggested to Tippoo the idea of still more valuable effects lying in the Rajahs Palace — Upon enquiry it was discovered that the Palace in which the Rajah resided at the time of Hyders conquest was never plundered of the private effects of the family, which it is thought determined Tippoo on searching the

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Secret Department

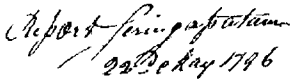
My Lord

Within the last three Days Harcarrahs have returned from Seringapatam the last of them left it on the 20th Instant. There seems no appearance of a discontinuance of peace. One Harcarrah to the 27th left Bangalore and Ossoor reports, having seen Purneah's Detachment the latter place on its way towards Seringapatam after having taken the Fort of Sholpilly Droog.

It is reported that Tippoo is to give the District of Bangalore to Syd Sahib as a Jaghire, which is probable, because the Sultaun has lately become his son in

They confirm the death of the Rajah

Come



and both nearly the same circumstance as reported by a former Harcarrah

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships very obedient
& most faithful Servant
William Hardisty

Fort Pelly
29th May 1796

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

Copy Mr. Madison
May 25th - 1796

Copy to Mr. Barlow - 3 Jan

Secret Department

My Lord

Two Marcarahs returned today from Seringapatam — which place they left on the 11th Instant. They bring no particular news. — The greatest part of Tippoo's Army continues in its usual position, cantoned at Seringapatam — and there is no appearance of any design of his attacking the field —

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
very obedient
faithful servant
William

On the North Bank
of the Cauvery river
Miles Cubaw Carroon
21st June 1796

The Right Honble
Lord Hobart

From Commandant at
Riaccatah.
6th June 1796
No. 11—

Copy of Despatch

Ship Sarah

Two of the Officers of Harcourt's Army lately returned from a Spring Expedition which began a longer time than usual in reaching its Destination. On which Expedition about the 2nd of this Month report has a Native named Bulayer (Brave) was sent from Yagbo — That all the Officers have been lately ordered to Simon Jatan 400 Infantry had been at Shaendu (15 Miles West from the top of the Jagbo Hills) on the 7th of July waiting for the Commissioner coming for the purpose was two of him employed as a [illegible]

Capt
~~Thomas Hyde~~ William Marsden
21st June 1798.

Wm Wrangel
as usual

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The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor &c &c

Invasions of Tamba Yours Hewers;
and that Admiral Peligard had united in
plundering the Districts laying North East
of Colar. —

The other set of Marauders report their
having left Seringapatam about the 7th
Instant and encamped as particular
accounts except that a Detachment
from Seringapatam of about 2000 Infantry
& (has moved out to Bedithpoor, which is
about 18 Miles in a Western direction
from Seringapatam — but as this circumstance
is only given as report the truth of it may
be doubted.

I have the honour to be
My Lord
With the greatest respect
Your Lordships very faithful
and obedient Servant
Wm Medows

Madras
24th June 1796.

From Captain W. Bligh
24 July 1796
No 29

Copy Wk enclosed
as noted

From Captain W. Maxwell
24 July 1796
No 29

Volly to Liverpool
as usual

My Lord

Several Harcarrahs have returned from Coonjapatam within the last two Days — The latest account from thence is the 16th of July

They almost all agree in respect to the Detachment which was employed in removing Wolfelly — Droog having arrived at Seringapatam — and that all the Amildars and Killadars have been assembled there. — Some of them report that Europeans who came from the Malabar coast — in a Tent at the Village of Palkelly, which is on the South side of the Cauverie, and within a mile and a half of the Fort — he is said to be a Frenchman — and that he is in some degree treated as a prisoner — This report had heard six weeks ago — but though it is improbable —

There seems to be no preparation

From Captain Doveton,
Dated 26 July 1796

Ans

Depredations of Tomba Gaur— It does not appear that there are any other detachments below the Gauts.—

He also confirms the reports of all the Amuels and Revenue persons being gone to Seringapatam— He does not hear of the Killidars having gone there—

I have the honor to be
Ed[y] Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's
most obedient humble Servant

William Madocks

Dindigul
4th August 1796.

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

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more any suspicion of a design on his part for taking the Field - unless from the substance of the accompanying report made by Lyman Cann, whom I dispatched to Seringapatam in April last -

A person who was sent to Cattamungalum and left that place on the 21st of last month, reports that he saw 200 Horse and 200 Infantry at Conga Cannawaddy in the Darapooram District also 200 Infantry in that District near the Boundary of Dimdigul at a Village called Parloor - He heard there was a party of 200 Horse and 200 Foot at Palatchy 30 Miles South from Darapooram and 100 Horse at the Village of Cangam - Those parties are said to be posted for the protection of the Coimbatore Country against the

Depredations

Report of Ryman Jaun Coffe Trangapatam
on the 17th of July— and reports—

That Tippo has been lately casting on
his Establishments— and Two Cushoons, from
Mt Deum and Hubeebjaun's— arrived at —
Trangapatam from Bidenore and another
Cushoon has jaun'd from Goty— The
Detachments under Teaselsaun and Cheeter
Jung arrived at Trangapatam about the
end of June—

Tippo has directed his Sepadaars
Commandants of Cushoons to recruit
as many men as they can get, but the
restricts against entertaining Hircoors
with the exception of the two Cushoon
Commanded by Cheeter Jung and Lecken
Jung— into which Hircoors are

From Captain Maclean
H.M. August 4/96

With an enclosure

Copy to Bengal 10 Aug

two new Cushoons were lately ordered to be raised – exclusive of which the number of regular Cushoons now at Seringapatam, is Twenty – four Cushoons are detached – in the Coimbatore country – two at Dindy – and one, at or near Goorumconda. – Cushoons are supposed at an average to be 1200 strong.

The Regular Cavalry is supposed to amount to near 4000, and the Silladar or Irregular Horse to about 5000 –

William e Maclay

Trincopol
4th August 1796

He has ordered the Silladar, or irregular Horse to be augmented by their Officers—

He has given notice to the Infantry and Regular Horse, that he designs soon to review them— those Corps continue as they usually are stationed at Seringapatam— the Silladar are detached for the convenience of Forage

All the Amildars and other Revenue Officers have been ordered to attend at Seringapatam— and it is reported that they are to receive orders for making some general Extra Assessment— Several Killidars were also assembled for the purposes of receiving some private instructions.

&c

William Collins Esq.r. R.N.,

Secretary to the Admiralty &c. &c.

Deptford

Sir,

I beg to state for the information
of their Lordships of the Admiralty that
I have remained off Cape Finisterre
with a considerable force consisting
about 12,000 Men 12,000
53 to 60 Guns Line-of-battle Ships
& a frigate called Spartiate, which
principally assist Vice Admiral
Sir Edward Pellew
in watching the Enemy's
Squadron Ships in Ferrol
Corunna & Vigo

I desire on this [illegible] Inst, Sir Richd
Strachan to proceed to Naworth Castle Salop,
usually called the Earl of Naworth,
to read to command this Force. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obed[t] Servant
J Bowles
Brigr

Hd Qrs
Lud[w] 24th 1796

From Major Brooke
26 August 1796

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do. to the Secretary

My Lord

I must proceed with Mr Jackson's ans
of the 26th Instant — I shall pay particular attention
to the directions contained therein — respecting
the procuring every information within my
reach of the Designs of Tippoo Sultaun —

In regard to the reports from Hyderabad
and Poona, I conceive that no circumstance
has yet come within my knowledge among
the confirmation or destruction of any expectation on
the part of Tippoo of being joined by French
or other European troops — There has been
for the last two months a report current
at Seringapatam that a European Gentle-
man had arrived there from the Mahratta

seems no preparation or appearance of the movements of Troops — He also mentions that a Polian (connected with the family of the Rajah of Pooligaun Cherry) being encouraged by the Dewan of Coimbatoor has committed outrages in the District of Pooligaun Cherry —

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's very obedient
humble Servant
William Medows

Vindigul
2nd September 1796 —

The Right Honble
Lord Hobart
&c &c

Tauny whether any or what founda-
tion may have been for it. — I have not however
the smallest doubt of his disposition being such
as to embrace any apparently favorable
opportunity of commencing hostilities against
the English Government. —

It has been lately a very current report at
Bringapatam that Tippo was treating with the
Mahrattas and in the intention of making an
offensive alliance with them against the
English —

A Tharcarrah who reports having
Seringapatam on the 21st of the present says
that at his departure Tippo had the greatest
part of
— and that future
seemed

Secret Department
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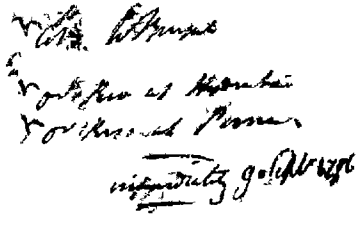
My Lord

I have the honor of receiving
your Lordships instructions thro'
the Post Master under date the 31st of
last month directing my attention
to ascertaining whether or not the
proposals for the deportation
by Major Kirkpatrick to have
been current at Lyons a bag of
Leather called Cain a person of
considerable consequence at Lyons
Count being added to the Deputies
of his Highness the Elector of
Mayence with Jubah, which is
said to be intended to the Court
of Spain

I have
the honor to
remain with great
respect
My Lord
Your Lordships
most obedient
humble servant



to attack Tippo's Northern frontier, whose troops in that quarter it was also reported had intercepted a Convoy belonging to the Nizam.

A Mahratta Vakeel was said to have arrived at Seringapatam on the 18th of August while the Marcarra was there. The object of his mission was said to be to make high demands of subsidy & arrears of Chout and to call him to account for having so often violated the rights of the Hindoo religion in demolishing Pagodas &c.

In Marcarra's camp there were thirty thousand men.

on this point— and I shall use every
endeavor to satisfy your Lordship as
to the grounds of this report—

From a Harcourt, who returned
today from Sierra Leone, which he
left on the 22d Ultimo— having come
by the circuitous route of Falcoral,
I have the following reports—

That a Detachment of five
Cushoons and six Guns— with Col
has marched lately four days away
under the Command of a Mr Yoppen
the cause of the movement of
Corps was by common report, as it
to apprehend some Deserters
& the Chiefs having refused

and Settlings — 200 — The
latter party, it is reported, will follow
Lieutenant to Antigoonday.—

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with great respect
Your Lordship's most obedient
humble servant
William Edwards

Dominique
6th September 1796

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor
&c &c

The late Report of a French Emissary being a Tissue of Falsehood appears from any circumstance that came within his observation, or knowledge, that Joseph has an intention of taking the Field.

The North Face of the Fort is still open — and altho' a vast number of hands is constantly employed in rebuilding it, it is thought it cannot be completed in less than two or three years —

Three Parties of Horse are encamped near the Carrughur Hill viz:

Tuka Rows — 200
Bubben Jungs — 300

and

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Secret Department

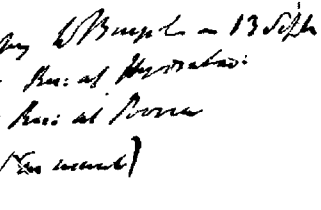
My Lord

A Marcarrah a Peon Mudeliar to the Cumbatoor Country returned last night, after having been at Darapooram and Pongam — the latter place being the residence of one of Tippoo's Tributary Princes, the Marcarrah left them at Tirchinopoly — At Darapooram there are no Troops — the Circumjacent Country is by a few Revenue Peons —

At Pongam there are only about 200 Peons with the Circar — Colonel the Marcarrah, learn, that there was any Force below the Ghauts except about 4000 Horse and about a Battalion of Infantry at Palatchy, where a similar body of Troops* has been stationed for the last three

Vide

* between Darapoor and Palmalliee



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To —
The Right Honble
Lord Hobart
&c

years.—

There was no particular news from Senegapatam—

It was current by report, in the Combatoor country, that the English army was forming at Dindigula—which must have taken rise from the route which a Major's Sepoy's Regiment lately marched from the Southward having been by Dindigula there. The Corps has left for a week.

I have the honor to be
Lord
with much respect
Your Lordships
most obedient and
humble Servant
William Hunt

Dindigul
8th September
1796

From Captain Wm. Macleod.
9 September 1796

Copy to Bengal.
" " Hyderabad } 17th Oct.
" " Poona.

From Captain Wm. Mallet.
9. September 1796

Reply to Bengal.
" 2. Hyderabad } 17 Sept.
" 5. Poona.

From Major Dowdeswell
11th. September 1779

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& Poona
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Fort St. George.

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My Lord

Last night a Harcarrah returned from Seringapatam — the reports being dated on the 25th of August — He mentions that upon the 20th of that month a detachment of 1000 Infantry with two Guns and 200 Horse marched from Seringapatam towards Goorumconda for the purpose of reducing the Polygar of Sonnagud, and others who it was said, were acting in the Eastward of Colaar the Harcarrah reports being present when the Detachment marched.

He confirms the former report of a Detachment having marched last month under the command of Major Gowdy

From Major Dowston
15th September 75

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with the exception of joining them
with a body of Europeans.

There were no appearances
nor preparations observing a retreat
or taking the field.

The Harcarrah reports that
two Basket Boats at Caverypooram
were prohibited to be employed on the occasion.

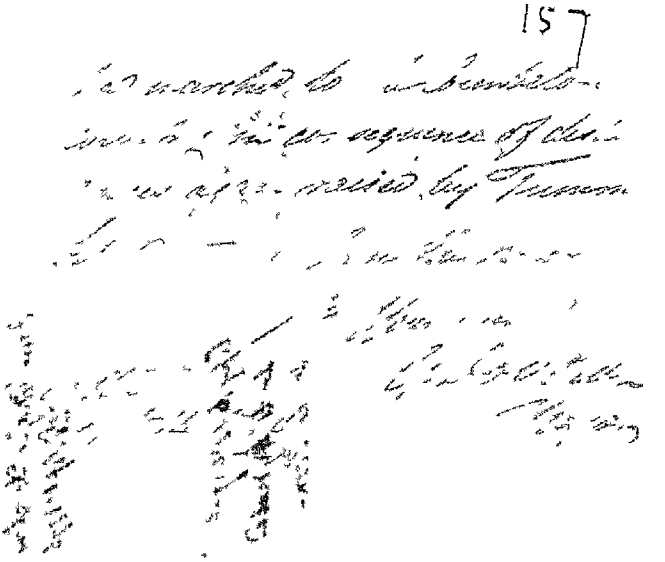
I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
Most obedient and
humble Servant
William Hunter

Duplicate
13th September
1796

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c &c

was a strong army for the purpose,
I was sorry of relieving the Corps
in that quarter —

He has particular directions to
endeavour to ascertain whether or not
any Europeans have arrived some
time ago or offering a passage from the
Malabar Coast — and the only
information he could learn was from
report — viz: that two Europeans from
Mahé had been offering a passage
to & are returned to the Malabar Coast
there had been two ships on its respecting
them — One that they came to offer
their services to Tippoo — and another
that they had offered to negociate
with



My Lord.

A Bramin who is a native of the Ellapore country and had been employed during the last year in procuring intelligence for our army, returned yesterday from Seringapatam which place he left 20 days ago as the 24th of August. He came by the Pass of Caverypoorum and on account of there being late orders by Tippo that Boats should not be allowed on the Cauvery in those parts where it forms the boundary between our Government and the Territory he was obliged to go as far Eastward as the Erichinopoly District before he had an opportunity of crossing to the North side. His motive respecting the Boats he imputes to his having been prosecuted by Tippo that many of the Inhabitants deserted from the South side to the North side of the Cauvery. Two Orders had been issued several times during the last three years which were generally followed by the Thirty or Forty Days

Major Beadon
14 Sept 1796

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do to Poona

Tiring reports from — We do not hear of any Vakeel being sent by Tippo to Hyderabad.

I have sent two confidential persons towards Chingoonby to ascertain for what purpose Syd Yosaf's Detachment has marched to that quarter — I have given them instructions that in the event of their hearing on the route thither, that Tippo is preparing to take the field, they should go to Seringapatam, and return immediately from thence if such accounts might appear well founded.

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respects
Your Lordships
most obedient and faithful
Servt
William Kelly

Camp
27th September 1796

The Right Honble
Lord Hobart
Governor &c

to [illegible] might be executed when a
communication could not be prevented.

The Bramin observed no preparations
going forward from which it could be inferred
that Tippoo designed to take the field. He
reports that great apprehensions are
entertained in the city from a
report current among the inhabitants
that the English army is assembling
with the view of acting against Tippoo.

The Bramin confirms the former account
of Tippoo's Detachments having march
to Chingapatty. He computes the
infantry at Chingapatam to be about
sixteen thousand and the Cavalry, which
is on bad order at present 4 or 5.
detachments of the latter are computed
at four or five thousand and chiefly
at different stations to the Northward
and Westward within forty miles of
Chingapatam

Secret Department

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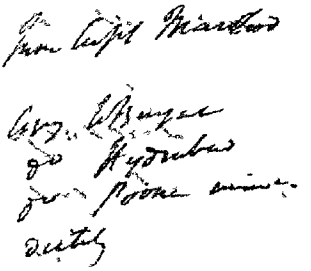
My Lord,

A Native of the Dindigul District whom I despatched early this month to the Coimbatore District to gain information of the force which Tippoo has below the Ghauts returned today. He reports having visited Cumbulum, Palatchy, Erode, Coimbatore, Anoor and Caugam and that the said joined force was stationed at the several places — viz.

At Cumbulum 300 Horse, Irregulars —
Palatchy — 1 Regulars (400) Infantry and
100 Horse —
Coimbatore — 2 Regulars (1200) Infantry
and 2 Guns — with
300 Horse —
Caugam — 100 Horse —

The report having also the above mentioned



forming at Dindigul for the purpose
of invading their territories — By
consequence of this report it was decided
at the Infantry and Cavalry in the
Coimbatore District are to be immed-
iately formed at Palatchy — or at
Chockergeery — a Fort about 30 Miles
South East from Palatchy —

The report of an army being formed
at Dindigul, may be reconciled from
the circumstances of Major Stevenson's
Regiment having marched thro' the
District — and the Detachments of
Sepoys which came from Trichinopoly
to reduce the Poligar of Ernaad.

There was no report of Collegaroon
at —

no invasion guarded — of which the Regular
Infantry is the Cashoon of (Lame) Stake Moun
which has been for some time past
stationed in the Coimbatoor Country
He heard there has been 100 Regular
Infantry and 50 Horse at Carroor — and that
the Infantry part of that Garrison was the
only reinforcement lately received from
being upstairs to any of the Forts before
the Gauts — Hyder however reported that
a Cashoon of Infantry had been for the
last three weeks at Hircotar — and supposed
to be destined for the Coimbatoor Country —
The Inhabitants of which are much
alarmed on account of a report prevail
among them of an English Army being
coming

Mil Department
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My Lord

Venkat Rao a station of Jetham who was dispatched Serungapatam early last month returning yesterday Evening— He corroborates the report made on the 3rd Inst respecting Tippoo temporary residence in the Darjah Daulat Garden— and of two Cushoons being encamped on the north side of the road above the Lokany— also that Tippoo has not pitched his Flag— and that there is no appearance of his designing to take the Field— although there are many of the Cundiah making demands on the Inhabitants of his approach towards the Town Tungabhadra—

Ten Karcunah days he left Serungapatam on the 26th of last month and that two Days before he came away he understood that Tippoo had given orders

C.

Have the honour to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
your Lordship's
very obedient and
faithful servant
William Mudge

Plymouth
1st October 1806

The Right Honourable
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

the South Face of the Fort which is almost entirely open, being built up with mud Walls instead of Stone – as had been intended when the old works were drawn with the view of strengthening the Place in 1792 and 1793 –

I shall agreeably to Your Lordship's Order communicate to Major Reid such intelligence as I may procure and appear in any manner to affect the Districts under his management –

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's
very obedient and faithful Servt
W. Morris Hardy

Pancut
the 6th October 1796 –

The Right Honble
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

Head Quarters

1806

The Right Honble

Lord Hobart

Governor &c

My Lord

Last night a Serjeant who

reports having left Seringapatam on the 28th

of last month arrived here — He says that

on the 21st of last month two Cushoons on

their way marching towards the North Branch

of the Cauvery, and encamped along the

side of the Lockany River — the

Detachment of which Hyder had sent in

pursuit of Craig and Gowdie were then

in that quarter — because apprehensions

were entertained of the Chiefs

Jan Capt Bracken
7 Octobr 1796

√ Ltn Bunsen
√ Lt Bjerulf
√ Lt Thun

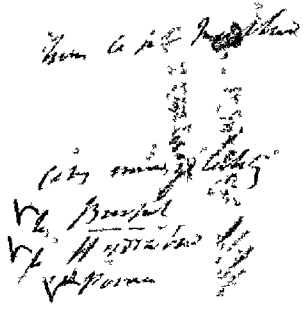
present occasion appears to be merely
for amusement.

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's very obedient
and faithful servant
- William Hastings

Hereford
3rd October 1796

On the 23d of last month, Tippoo moved from the Fort to reside in the Derauk Dawk Palace — where it was said he would remain for Eleven Days: — on account of some superstitious idea or advice given him by his Priests — The Chief Secretaries transacted their business in tents pitched for that purpose near the Palace — which is surrounded by Two Thousand Infantry and four Guns

— Excepting the two Cushoons encamped near the Lockany — there was no appearance of the movement of any of the Camp — And as Tippoo's Tents or Flag had not been pitching (as is usual when he resigns to the field) his movements [illegible]



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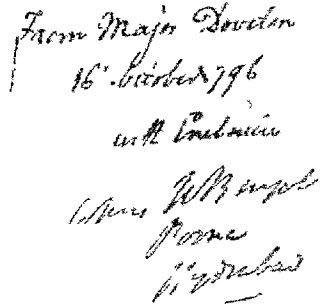
From Major Doveton
16 October 1796
with Enclosure
Wm Kirkpatrick
Jones
Hyderabad



From Major Doveton
17th October 1796

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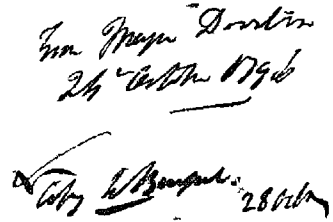

Intelligence.
From Major Doveton
26. October 1796

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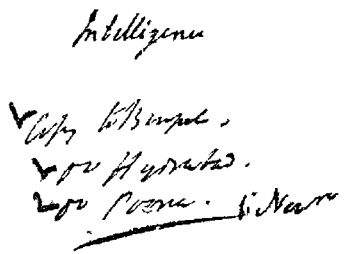
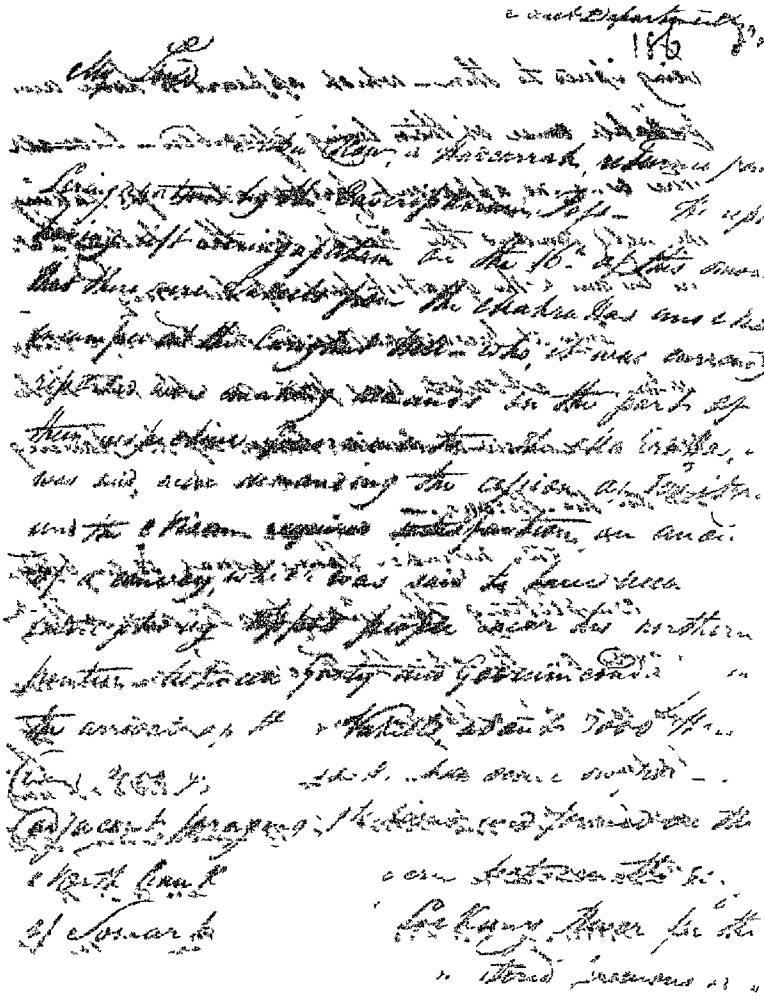
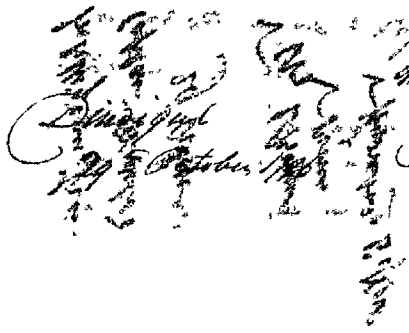




ago reporting.—

Bubbler Jung has gone to command the troops at Gorsumcondra and its neighbourhood.

I have the honor to be, &c &c &c
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
most obedient humble servant
Alexander Mallow



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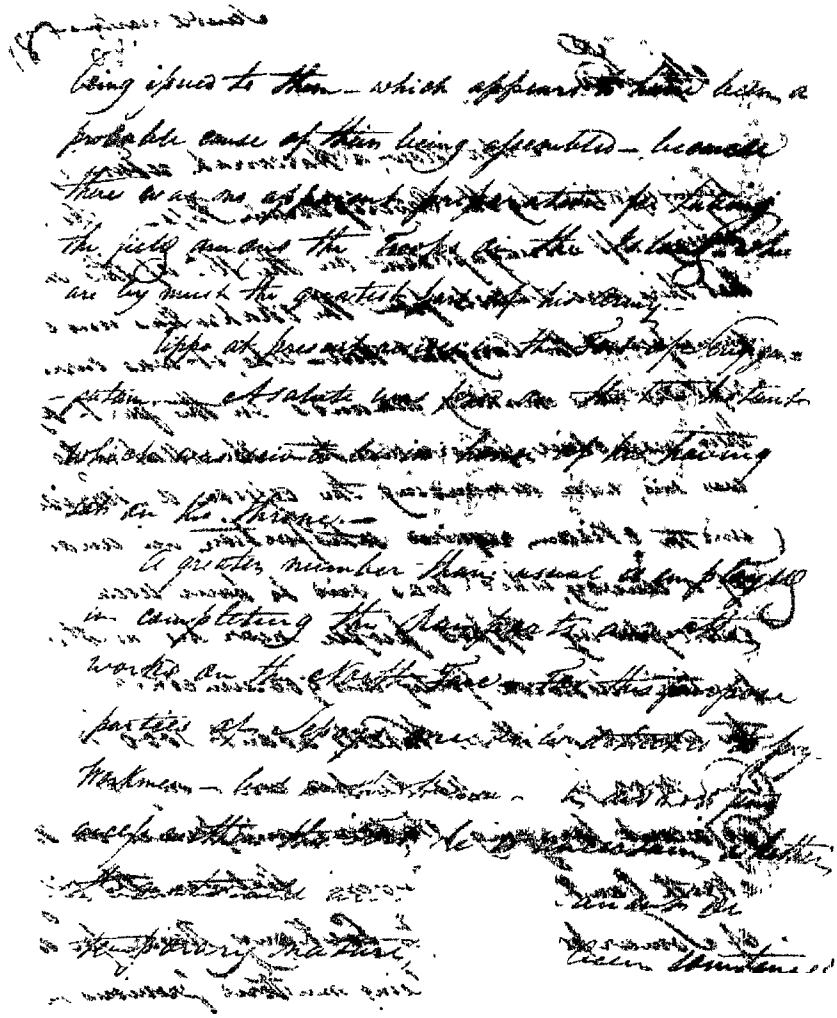
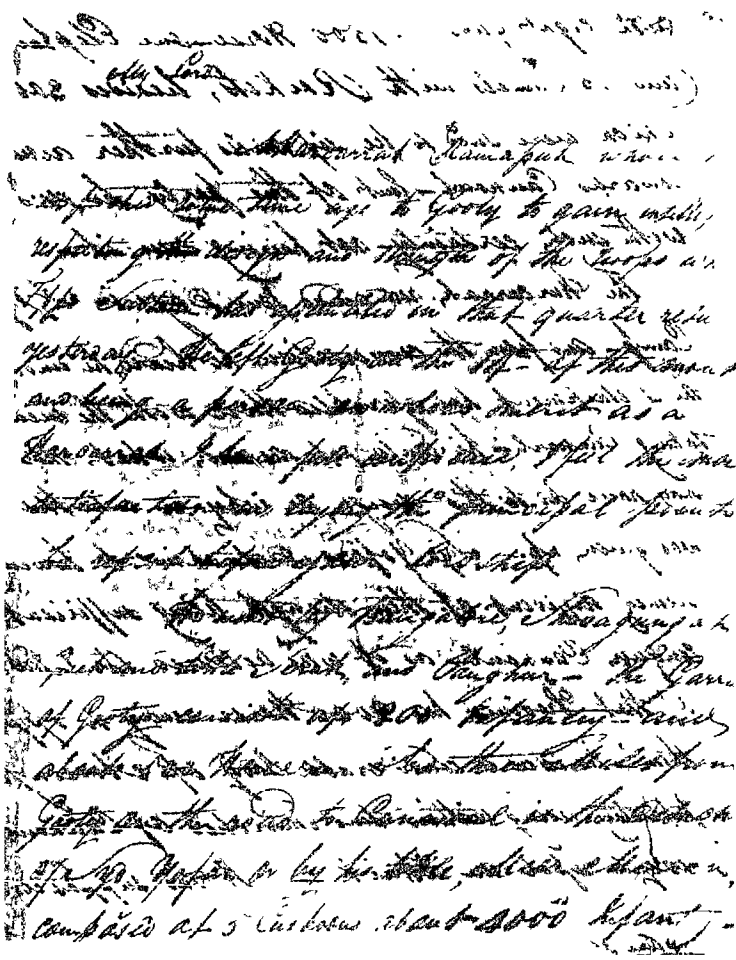




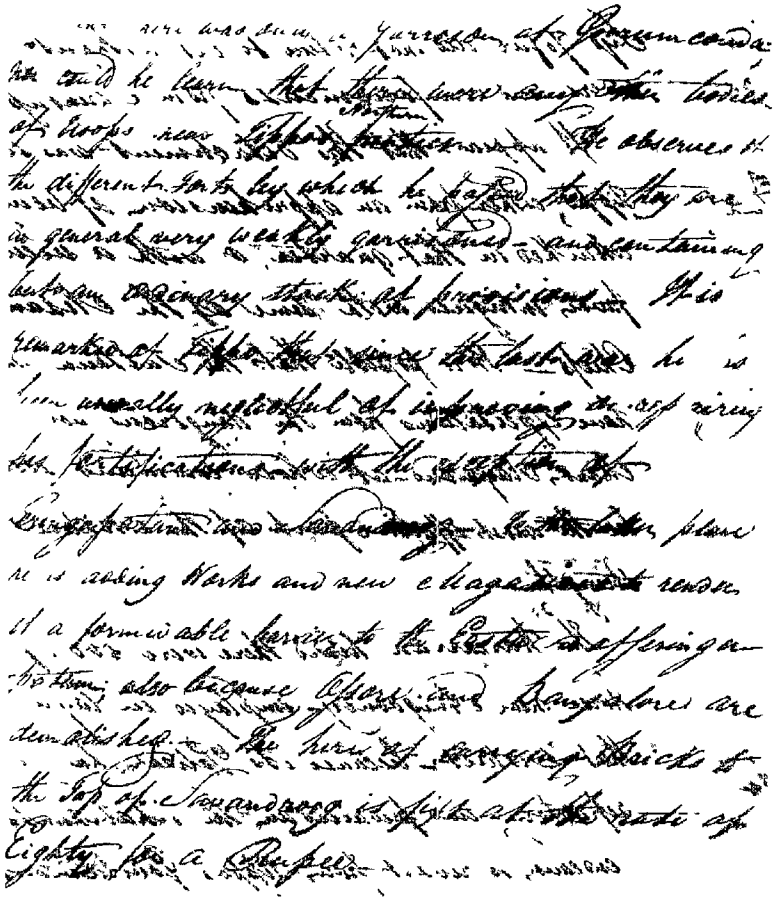
In returning from Gooty, the Marquis of Cornwallis encamped at Anantapoor — Pungonoor, Coriconda — Chintamunypet — and Bhar — at the latter place he heard that Chandy Dessy (the Killa Fort taken from the Pungonoor Poligar was destroyed — but the adherents of the Poligar were so much in the practice of making incursions into the Pungonoor country from the Polliams in the Carnatic, that was destroyed. —

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's most obedient
humble servant

William Macleod

Pimpegaul
31st October 1796.

The Right Honble
Lord Cornwallis &c &c



From Captain Maitland
31st October 1796

Grey Wanger
Some
Expended.

Mr Yorke

~~January~~ 1784

From Fraser Clerk of the King's Cruizers Journal
Receipts for Mac Kay &c.

Sundry Books

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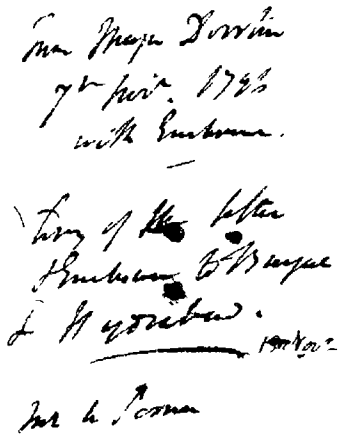
Vide Minutes of Lieppo Sultan

To - Inclosing a draft of a Treaty & informing them that the Point in dispute relative to Cananore has been relinquished, as Lieppo & Cannore the Rahola of those desire peace.

Vide Proc: of Messrs Staunton & Hodgston after their Return from Mangalore.

Enclosed are Read the Hearing State Land at Cananore & held a Conference with the Queen — To Lyneal McLeod - Directing them to Keep such a Force on the Fort & District of Cananore as would prevent any attempt of Lieppo Sultan to get possession of it till the time stipulated by Treaty when it is to be delivered up to the Queen —

To



To Richard Sutton, specifying that due respect & attention have been paid to the Powers of Commissioners & desiring an account of the delivery of Stamps daily

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from 31 Oct 1783 to May 1784

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From Majr Bowlen

11 Nov 1796

Rec'd
Secretary of War
Dept of State 11 Nov

From Major Burton

15 November 1795

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My Lord

Narsoje, a Harcarrah returned yesterday from Chundgal, a village within three miles of Seringapatam — He left Chundgal on the 7th Instant — when the Troops stationed on the Island were on their usual position, so far as he could learn, for he did not go upon the Island — He hears there were Vakeels from the Cheiftains, making Demands of Territory from Tippoo, but he did not understand there had been Vakeels from the Cheiftains — as had been before mentioned — And as two other Sirdars of Harcarrahs lately Deserted there being Cheiftains Vakeels, without mentioning any from the Cheiftains, I am led to believe that the report of

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up with mud, was grounded — and must have arisen from an unusual scarcity of Hands being pressed lately to be employed in building — Notwithstanding it is supposed that it cannot be finished in less than a Year as a Year and a half

I have the honor to be
my Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's
most obedient humble Servant
William Chatham

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16th November 1796

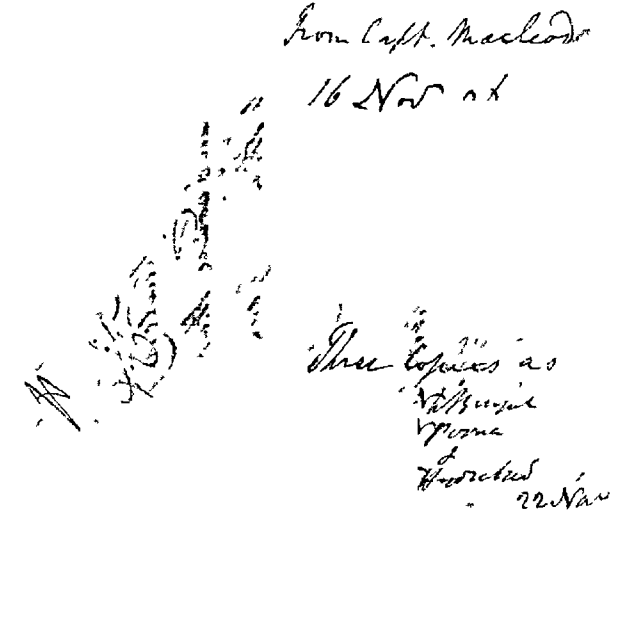
The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor &c &c

The Cullah having sent messengers to Seringapatam was without foundation.

The Silladar or Irregular Horse which came from their foraging Station to be mustered, are still near Seringapatam.

It is reported that a further reinforcement will be dispatched to the Northern Frontier — but there does not seem to be any idea of a general movement of the Army.

Runmar Ul Deen is at Seringapatam. A vast number of people are employed in the construction of the North face of the Fort which is of Stone and chunam — The runmar of Tippoo having given orders to build it —



My Lord

I have the honor to enclose your Lordship a translation of some Intelligence brought to me just now - The very strange state we are in in every part of Syracuse Territories after Stranges: renders it both a difficult & dangerous business to seek for these stores, but as my Messengers have by this time penetrated as far as Gouvernmendale, and Balaberam, both stations of consequence: I hope notwithstanding, to obtain and transmit reasonable correct accounts of what is going on in that Quarter for your Lordships information -

I have the honor to be with much respect

My Lord -

Your Lordships most obedt & faithfull Servt -

Chas Mignerry

Chas Mignerry
16th Novr 1826

The Right Honble Lord Bathurst
&c &c &c

Intelligence from Rangiah Bramin Hircarrah employed by Cuttra Vitalu. received at Chinderamgherry the 16th November 1774. –

Was informed at the Village of Sirrore a Coorsee on the road to Gurrumcondah that a body of Mahrattas consisting of 2000 Horse & 10000 Infantry under the command of Perseram Bahadu were encamped on the North Bank of the Tungabudrah River within three coodarees and that on the South Side at a place called Hurryhurrecah Tippoo Sultaun had likewise a Camp formed of 5000 Horse & 2000 Foot but was of no command, had not been – The River is at present much swell'd & very rapid, & in consequence both Camps had remained quiet

He likewise learned that Sunkarah Royalee the Polygar of Pongamoor had offended Tippoo, who has ordered one Annachellah, from Balabarum to march with Troops, as soon as the Weather permits, against this Polygar, who is reported to be very desirous to put himself and Sellum under the protection of the English. –

The general conversation throughout the parts of Tippoo Country he has travelled in, is, that the English are preparing for War again with Tippoo and even the Inhabitants seem to think certain

Sunkarah Bramin who brought the Cajan containing the above, says likewise, the report of our going to War with Tippoo was general in every Village & place he passed. –

From Commandant at
Chandernagore
16th November 1796

Three Copies Received
Governor
22 Nov

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Fort St George 28th

My Lord,

Venkatham, a Harcarrah returning today from Seringapatam - he left it on the 9th Instant and came by the Pass of Gujelgatty -

He reports that on the 5th Instant two Battalions of Infantry with two Guns under Sookiman Sing marched from Seringapatam for Pungunoor, for the purpose of protecting that District against the Depredations of its late Poligar, who was expelled and now resides among the Poligars in the neighbourhood of Chittore

That the party of Sillahdar Horse which came in from the foregoing Station to be mustered appears to be about 1500, and are still encamped near Somarpet.

That Tippoo Sultan seems to be chiefly

replying that the Territories he alluded to were taken by force of arms — and they could not be recovered but by similar means —

There has been no particular news from the Northern frontiers — Nor was there any appearance of interruption to the tranquillity of the Country

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships very obedient
humble servant
William Eustis

Hampd
20th November 1796

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c &c

chiefly taken up with the fortification of Seringapatam — which are still in a very incomplete state — particularly the West Face — The Brick parapets of some of the Bastions are thrown down and replaced with Parapets of Sod — a Stone Drawbridge has been made for the East Gate —

That the Chobdars Messengers whom were lately at Seringapatam are gone — and appeared not to have been of any great consequence — Perhaps they might have been Agents of Scindia's Government —

Harris directed the Marcarrah to inquire into the purport of the late correspondence between Tippo and the Madras Government as might be reported at Seringapatam — he says, it was and further that Tippo had written that as the Five years peace which was made are nearly expiring he expected the Countries which were forcibly from him would now be restored — To which it was

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My Lord,

Two Harcarrahs, Viraboora, Dwarka Rungah returned yesterday from Goothy — they report having left Syd Gofar's camp on the 5th Instant, and corroborate the report of a Harcarrah who left it on the 15th ultimo, in respect to its position being three coss from Goothy on the Canwal road — and its strength being about 12000 Infantry with 8 Guns and 1500 Horse — On the 5th of this month the day on which they left Syd Gofar's camp — he was joined by Visnapah from the Fort of Goothy with 500 Horse, 1000 Infantry and 4 Guns — Visnapah's party had been attached to the Garrison of Goothy for the last six months — With the exception of

Syd. Gofar

Com Captain Madeira
20 November 1776

City of Bengal
Hyderabad
Penna 25 Nov

Lady ~~Mistress~~ Lauder ~~has~~ the same which was mentioned in my report of the 25th Instant to have married on the 5th from Seringapatam

The apparent design of Threats on the part of Tippo seems difficult to reconcile for ~~reputation~~ Pennance — unless he has ~~formed~~ ~~of~~ ~~attentions~~ from intrigues with the characters or disaffection in the Citizens Government.

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
Most obedient and
faithful Servant
William Medows

Nundydroog
22d November 1786

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart &c &c

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Tipu's Army of 5000 Infantry, upwards of
2000 Horse and 12 Guns — Upon the
arrival report in the Camp that another
Detachment was expected from Srinigapatty,
and that as soon as it would join the
whole were to advance to attack Cannanore.

The cause of this design was imputed
to a claim which Tippo had on the Chief
of that District for arrears of Peishcush.

The Barcarahs on their return
Tipu'd by Bangalore on the 13th Instant
where they heard that 2000 Horse and
Foot, which came from Seringapatam
had marched on that day from Bangalore
towards Colar to protect the Bangalore
District against the late Poligars. The

Party

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My Lord

Subah, a native of Cabul is to be sent to Serring Apatam for Intelligence returning this day - having left that place on the 17th Instant.

He confirms the former report of a party of Infantry having marched towards Pungaum consisting of from one to two Thousand men with three Guns -

He reports that on the 10th Instant a Detachment of Cuzzulbash with 1000 Chabsar or Irregular Horse marched to the Northward, and to be destined for Gooty - but whether to reinforce the Garrison, or join the Gooty Detachment, was not positively known - On the same and the following day the 10th & 11th the Cavalry - Artillery and immediately near Serring Apatam Chiefly Regulars &c. &c. marched in different directions to grazing Stations

Particularly

Capt. Macleod
Nov. 22. 1796

From Captain Macleod
22d November 1796

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particularly to the Eastward—

a considerable part of the North Face of the Fort is still open— although the Assessments already laid out upon it since the peace, are said to amount to the enormous sum of 12 Lacks of Coutrai Rupees— or about 10 Lacks of Star Pagodas—

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships'
most obedient and
faithful Servant
William Medows

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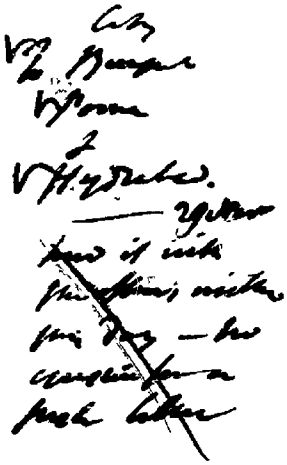
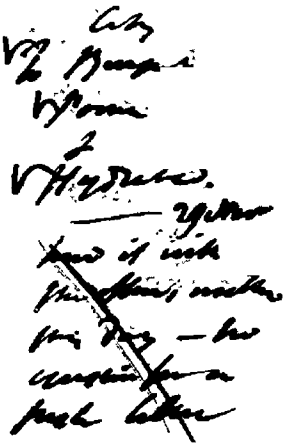
25 November 1796.

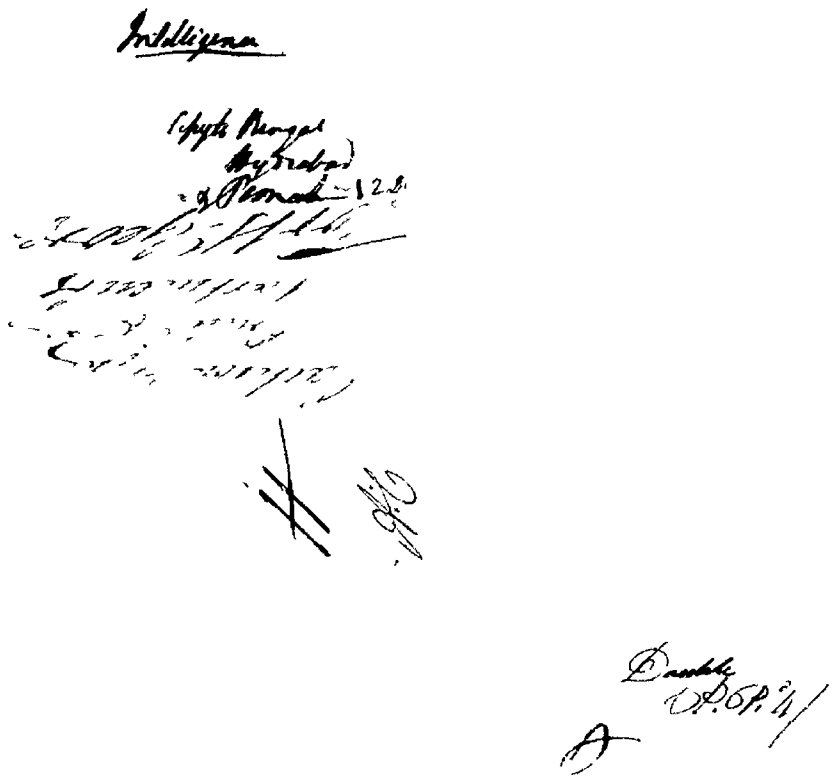
The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart





From Major Doughten

28. November 1796



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My Lord

Sunday a Banian belonging to Asmael who was sent to Seringapatam for Intelligence returnd yesterday — He reports having left that place on the 3d Instant — and that on the 26th of November a body of 4000 Infantry and 20 Guns marched from Seringapatam to the Northward — after being joined by 1000 Horse which came in from the foraging stations — The destination of the Detachment, which was commanded by Chawder Ally, was said to be Anegoondy — to repel it was said the late Polygar of that District, who joined by Polygars from the Mahratta Province of Darwar had defeated Tippo's Corps at Anegoondy and overrun the District —

So great a proportion of Guns to the Infantry

He spoke having reckoned the Guns

Circumstances

I have the honor to be
my Lord
with the greatest respect
your lordship's most obedient
faithful Servant
William Mallood

Hawkesbury
10th December 1796

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor &c

Infantry appears inconsistent and incredible and can only be reconciled by supposing that it is designed the remaining part of Lyppo's Infantry at Seringapatam shall soon follow. But while Lyppo Jyd (and Cummer-ul-Deen remain at the Capital - where they are at present it would seem that no offensive operation has been positively resolved upon against any other Government - Yet the assembling of considerable bodies of troops at Gooty and Chingaumy bordering on the Cabobs Dominions seems to indicate some plan of either attacking or of threatening to attack the Nizam, the execution of which may depend on eventual

circumstances